GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:122
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2016
Cancellation of Trains due to Foggy Weather
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trains cancelled/delayed/diverted due to fog during the recent winter season;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to take proper care of the passengers during such delays etc. and to ensure minimal cancellations/delays/diversions of trains during winter due to fog;

(c) whether the Government has started the trail of fog cameras to assist train drivers during dense fog;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the cost involved; and

(e) the time by which these cameras will be put into operation in all the trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a) & (b) With a view to managing operational bottlenecks during fog, Indian Railways had initially cancelled (including reduction in frequency) 6690 services of 256 pairs Mail/Express trains including reduction of frequency and had diverted 2 pairs of Mail/Express trains traversing through fog affected areas during the period from 8th January 2016 to 29th February 2016.
Considering the inconvenience caused to passengers and prevailing improved visibility conditions, a review of cancellations was conducted and it was decided to restore 3619 (more than 50%) services by the Railways in phased manner by 8th February 2016 as per table given below:-
Date Number of services restored.
From 15.01.2016 1241
From 25.01.2016 439
From 08.02.2016 1939
Total 3619

Therefore, 3071 services were cancelled during 8th January to 7th February 2016. All services were normalized from 8th February 2016 onwards.
(c) No, Madam.
(d) & (e) Do not arise.
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